

REMARKS

1. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

2. Claims 1-106 are pending in the application. Claims 1-106 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

3. Applicant has reviewed the restriction requirement and hereby elects to proceed with Group I, Claims 1-26, 48-53, 92-97, and 99-101, drawn to an apparatus for providing purified water, a water purifier, or a water treating system.

4. Amendment

Applicant hereby cancels the non-elected claims, without prejudice, in order to move the application toward allowance. Thus claims 27-47, 54-91, 98, and 102-106 are cancelled in their entirety. Applicant reserves the right to file the non-elected claims in continuing or divisional applications.

Claim 1 has been amended by adding the limitations of dependent Claim 3. Claim 1 now provides for two or more treated water outlets providing water at different temperatures. Claim 3 has been deleted.

Claims 2 and 94 have been amended to correspond to the language of the amended claims on which they depend.

Claim 48 has been amended by adding the limitations of Claim 3. This arrangement provides both the advantages of having treated water available at different fixed temperatures determined by the two or more outlets on the heat exchanger and variable temperatures determined by the setting(s) of the one or more mixing valves.

Claim 93 has been amended by adding the limitations of claim 95 for two treated water outlets. Claim 95 has been deleted.

Claim 99 has been amended by adding the limitations of Claim 3.

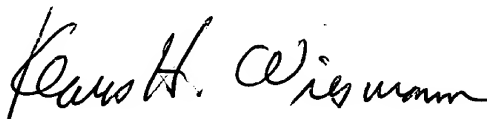
5. Applicant also submits a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) Establishing Right of Assignee to Take Action for placement in the file wrapper.

6. Applicant states entitlement to small entity status and hereby claims SMALL ENTITY STATUS.

7. Applicant submits a STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b) – ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION.

8. The present response is being submitted on or before April 28, 2003. Applicant PETITIONS for an extension of time of three months. The appropriate fee for a small entity is enclosed with the fee form.

Respectfully submitted,



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